

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend page 11, paragraph 38 as follows:

[0038] Any thermally activated free-radical catalysts capable of crosslinking the olefin groups present in the castor oil or ricinoleic acid (and/or other olefin group-containing materials) can be used. Such catalysts are well known to those of skill in the art, and include, for example, one or more of (1) 2,5-dimethyl-2, 5-di (tert-butylperoxy) hexane, (2) 1, 4-di- (2-tert-butylperoxyisopropyl) benzene, tert-butyl cumyl peroxide, (3) di-tert-butyl peroxide, (4) ~~2, 4, 4-trimethylpenty-2-hydroperoxide~~ 2, 4, 4-trimethylpenty-2-hydroperoxide, (5) diisopropylbenzene monohydroperoxide, (6) cumyl hydroperoxide and (7) azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN). In one embodiment, 2, 5-dimethyl-2, 5-di (tert-butylperoxy) hexane peroxide, whose trade name is Triganox 101-45B, as the catalyst.